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## BUDGET

# Police Chief Craze Tells Council Greenbelt Crime Increased 14%

by Barbara Bonham Young

The amount of Greenbelt crime increased by 14 percent in 2001, Police Chief James Craze told the mayor and city council in a work session on the police budget held April 29. While there were increases in most kinds of crime, a more than 50 percent increase in auto thefts accounted for most of the additional crimes. The majority of crime, 55.5 percent, occurred in Greenbelt West, while 28.1 percent occurred in Greenbelt East and 16.4 percent in the center city.

The most recent statistics available show that the crime rate for Maryland was five victims per 1,000 population. The rate for Prince George's County was 6.2 per 1,000, and the rate for Greenbelt was 7.3 per 1,000, during an equivalent period.

In a prepared statement, Craze cited "unparalleled challenges" for the force in 2001, including the need to assist other communities with terrorism and weather-related incidents and severe attrition and difficulty in hiring new

officers. Although the proposed police budget did not contain money for a program to hire and train public safety officers and police cadets, the chief distributed copies of a proposal for such a program. Public safety officers and police cadets would work to address "nuisance and quality of life issues."

### Proposed Program

According to Craze, public safety officers – retired police officers and others who still maintain proper police certification – would be armed and have full police powers, but cadets ages 18 to 21 would not. However, the cadet program would serve as a proven recruiting tool to attract qualified young people to law enforcement. The chief's proposal states that "since the inception of the program in 1984, 13 persons held the position of cadet, 11 of whom went on later to become police officers." Owing to budget constraints, the program has not been funded in the past two fiscal years.

Fairly lengthy discussion fol-

lowed concerning the merits of the proposal. Councilmember Rodney Roberts wondered aloud how many years the police department would expect to get out of a retired police officer coming to work as a Public Safety Officer. He said he thought the city would be better off hiring new young people who would be on a career path. Roberts thought the cadet program has "some merit."

Mayor Judith Davis asked City Manager Michael McLaughlin to note the possibility of using a community-oriented policing (COPS) grant to hire a public safety officer and two cadets, positions in addition to the current number of authorized police officers.

Councilmember Alan Turnbull said he was concerned that there was not enough distinction between what a public safety officer does and what a regular officer does. He also suggested making "real" officers more mobile and more active, and felt the city

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# Bowman 88th Birthday Bash: Nostalgia for Greenbelt Past

by James Giese

Close to 100 former and present Greenbelters gathered on April 27 at the Greenbelt Arts Center to share memories of old Greenbelt and to honor 1988 Outstanding Citizen Bruce Bowman on the occasion of his 88th birthday a week earlier. The moderator for the discussion was Bowman's son, Peter. Other family members in attendance were daughters Sandy and Barbara, granddaughter Song, former daughter-in-law, Inci, and Bruce's companion, Barbara Starbird. The period of time for the discussion was between 1944 when

the Bowman family moved to Greenbelt and 1988 when Bruce was named Outstanding Citizen.

The Bowman daughters led the discussion of old times. Sandy recalled that their home was on the edge of the woods. Her older brother, Peter, brought home snakes and frogs. Her mother loved birds. As a result, she wound up getting her major in biology. Just before the gathering, she once again had the opportunity to walk in the woods and recall her childhood experiences there. Barbara made note of her dad's perpetual fight to

save the nearby woodlands (now owned by the city).

Barbara also recalled how neighborly everyone was in those days. If you were waiting at a bus stop, a neighbor would often drive by and offer you a ride from the North End to the [Roosevelt] Center. She also remembered answering the telephone a lot for her activist father, who, among other things, was very much involved with the Memorial Society. She also circulated flyers for him. Her father

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On stage for introductions by son Peter Bowman (offstage) were 1988 Outstanding Citizen Bruce Bowman (in wheel chair) with (left to right) granddaughter Song, daughters Sandy and Barbara, and companion Barbara Starbird.



PHOTO BY ANDY CARRUTHERS

Jamal Duckett, age 13, embraces the microphone and, in true Greenbelt activist tradition, asks the city for improved facilities for local youth. Beside him, lending support, is postal worker Doug Mangum, who helped emcee the Youth Speak Out at Roosevelt Center on Saturday.

# Skate Park Requests Top List of Youth Desires

by Barbara Bonham Young

Some of the suggestions at the well-attended Youth Speak-Out held in Roosevelt Center on a sunny May 4 were the same as those made at a previous youth forum, although the May 4 audience appeared significantly younger. As before, interest in a skate park ran high and wishes for a pool table were expressed several times.

Sponsored by the Recreation Department and the Youth Advisory Board, the program was emceed by the Youth Advisory Board's Doug Mangum. Chair Jessica Mealey spoke for the Youth Council of the Board and among those attending were

Mayor Judith Davis and all members of the city council.

### Skate Park

More than one request was made that a skate park be built. It was explained by Recreation Director Hank Irving that the project is unfunded but on a "wish list." He noted that trips are being taken to other skate board facilities in Gaithersburg and Rockville.

Police officer John Rogers described his new group, "Skateboards, Wheels and Trucks," or SCAT. He said members are trying to push the city for the skate

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# Greenbelt Homes Holds Annual Meeting, Election

by Mary Moien

The annual meeting of the Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) membership will be held on Wednesday May 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. The major issue will be the introduction and election of candidates for board of directors, audit committee and nominations and election committee. Voting for board and audit committee will take place immediately after the meeting and will continue on Thursday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Community Center.

This year there are four positions on the board up for election, but to date only two incumbents have filed for the positions - Dorothy Lauber and Sylvia Lewis. Board member Bill Phelan will not seek reelection and board member Sheila Alpers is not running for reelection to the board but is a candidate for the audit committee. The other five board positions are up for reelection in 2003.

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## What Goes On

Saturday, May 11

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Municipal Building

11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pet Expo, Community Center

Monday, May 13

7:30 p.m., ACE Student Awards Reception, Municipal Building

8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Wednesday, May 15

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Homes Annual Meeting and Election, Community Center

Thursday, May 16

7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Greenbelt Homes Election, Community Center

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park and will hold the next meeting on Saturday, May 11 at 6 p.m. in the police station.

Mealey told the audience the Youth Council was interested in knowing whether current recreational activities are interesting to young people, or whether they wanted new activities.

**Polo**

Larry Hilliard described a water polo program that is planned for July and August nights from 8 to 10 p.m., noting that details will be published in a Recreation Department newsletter. He said the program is perceived as a social activity as well as a sport program, and that the target audience is people 12 to 14. He said the swim team as well “is always looking for kids from 4 to 18.” Hilliard said that he is also working on arranging July evening concerts for young people.

**Wish List**

Lamar Duckett talked about the need for a new TV and a working VCR as well as a pool table in the recreation room.

Roger Evans of Springhill Terrace asked that trash cans be taken away from the basketball court. He also asked for new basketballs and a better court.

Brian Butler described the mentoring program he coordinates at Springhill Lake. It meets Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. but in addition to taking trips, Butler said, the group plans to “do a lot of community service projects.”

Derek Davis would put a roof over the basketball court.

Rashawn Patterson spoke of a miniature golf course and a pool table.

Jessica Gitlis asked that teens be given a lower rate at the swimming pool. Chair Mangum



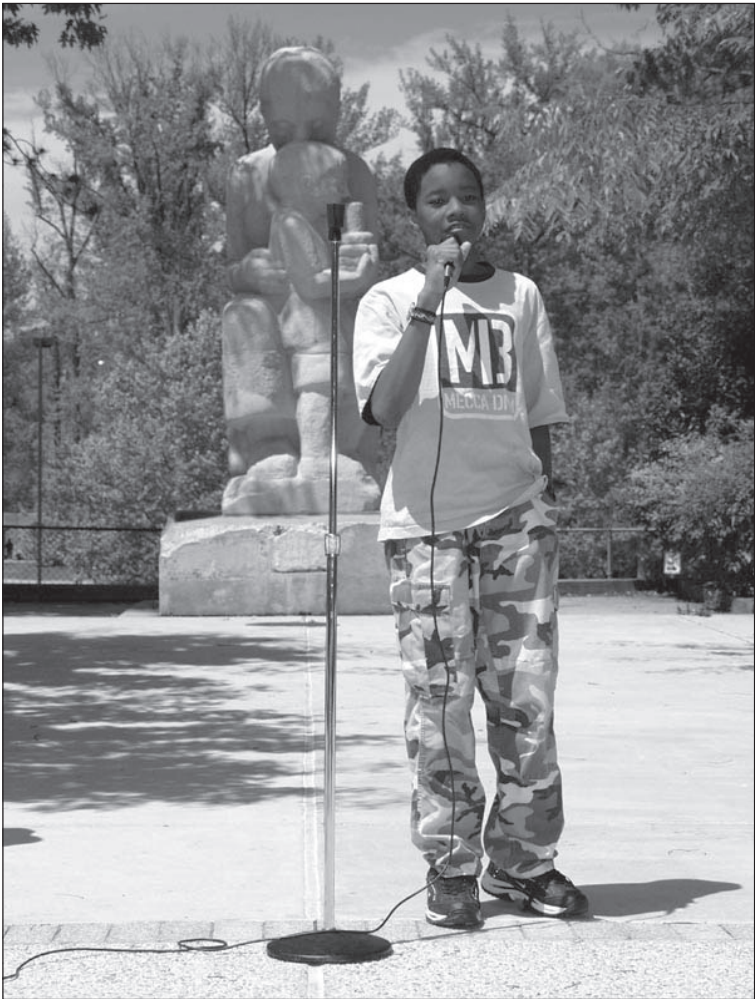
In the shadow of the Co-op, Derek Davis, nearly 13, asked the city for a roof over the Springhill Lake basketball court.

responded that the matter had gone to the city council and that the young adult rate will soon be a fact.

Konrad Herling encouraged young people to participate in Greenbelt Access Television (GATE). Herling noted that Greenbelters involved in videos and animation programs have won awards in competition. He said that on May 18 at 2 p.m. a free play, “Secrets,” which deals with HIV, will be shown. It will be followed by a question and answer session.

West Brooks described the inspirational film, “Love is Blind,” for which he needs actors. GATE is producing the film, authored and to be directed by Brooks. Auditions are set for Saturday, May 11 from 4 to 6 p.m. and Monday, May 13 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. For more information, contact their website at westbrooksfilms@yahoo.com.

Free hot dogs, sodas and chips served by Recreation Department volunteers were available at the speak-out, as the result of donations from Chef Lou, the Co-op, Capitol Cadillac and Generous Joe’s.



Rayshon Patterson, age 13, in front of the Mother and Child statue, would like to see a miniature golf course and a pool table.

Letters

THANKS

I wish to thank my neighbors in 23 court of Ridge for the sympathy card they signed. In this way they showed they cared about the death of my beloved father, who passed away in Indiana on April 21. I also wish to thank other residents outside the court for their support. I think of my 23 court neighbors as the best neighbors around.

Sara N. Johnston

THANKS

We would like to thank everyone at the Greenbelt Arts Center, the Greenbelt News Review, Chef Lou's, city officials, the Greenbelt Museum, the Greenbelt Library, GHI, the Greenbelt Consumer Co-op, and all our other friends, old and new, near and far, for your help and participation in our Members of Old Greenbelt event on April 27. We were joined by just under 100 people, who brought lots of great memories, and we enjoyed the afternoon every bit as much as we hoped.

The event was videotaped, and copies of the tape will be given to the city, museum, and library. Because our website designer, Inci Bowman, is visiting her family in Istanbul, we now anticipate that the website, [www.myoldgreenbelt.net](http://www.myoldgreenbelt.net), will be completed sometime in June.

Bruce Bowman and Barbara Starbird and family

Greenbelt Artist

by Mary Moien

Greenbelt artist Sarah Garcia will exhibit her paintings at the Greenbelt Municipal Building conference room from May 22 to July 19. There will be a public reception on Tuesday, May 28 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Garcia's exhibition is entitled "Beloved Landscapes," described as landscapes from her most loved places. Included in the exhibit are two paintings from Italy, two from Ireland and various paintings from her hometown in Wisconsin and her current home in Greenbelt. According to Garcia, "The process of painting is a meditation for me and the much-loved place becomes a part of that meditation. It is my hope that the viewer would share in that meditation and feel joy and peace when looking at these landscapes."

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department, the show includes oils, acrylics, and a pen-

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

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Friday  
Monsoon Wedding  
\*5:00, 7:25, 9:45

Saturday  
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\*2:30, \*5:00, 7:25, 9:45

Sunday  
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\*2:30, \*5:00, 7:25

Monday - Thursday  
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The Old Curmudgeon



"Happy Mother's Day!  
Yes, Mom . . . I took my vitamins."

cil drawing of Roosevelt Center. With a bachelor's degree in fine arts from the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, Garcia has lived in Greenbelt for the last five years. She teaches a drop-in arts program for children at the Community Center and ceramics to middle school children at the University of Maryland.

NARFE Meets

The next meeting of NARFE Chapter 2146 will be at 1:30 p.m., Wed., May 15, at the New Carrollton Municipal Center. Chapter member, Dr. Waterworth, will lecture on Elderhostel programs and Maureen Locke will present a travelogue film. For information call 301-474-7693.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

### Donation Drop-Off

The city’s Donation Drop-Off, which it co-sponsors with the American Rescue Workers, will be held Saturday, May 11, behind the Municipal Building from 9 a.m. until noon.

Bring clean, usable clothing, small household items, curtains, towels, bedding, sheets, toys, puzzles and books. Donations will be used by needy people in Prince George’s county and are tax-deductible. Donation Drop-Off is held the second Saturday of every month.

### Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

President Ima Davis opened the meeting. A change was made in the by-laws representing a clarification for the Sunshine committee. This will be read at the next meeting for a vote by members.

Robert Terrell read the treasurer’s report which was accepted as read.

Ernie Varda, Membership chair, stated that 11 members still owe dues and new rosters are still available. He is working on future programs from the recommendations for activities suggested by members.

Sunshine co-chairs Ken and Pearl Keeney reported Betty Down is home after back surgery. Helen Starnes is in Doctor’s Hospital. Pat Unger is at home and doing well. Don Davis is improving at home. The club wishes them all well in their recovery.

Volunteers are needed for the Assistance in Living program. Call Ann MacKenzie, community resource advocate, at 301-474-8000, ext. 105, for more information.

Bill Souser will be checking prices before purchasing a new microphone for the club.

There are still openings on the trip to the Botanical Garden on May 30.

May 15 will be the birthday pot luck luncheon. Come and enjoy good food and good friends.

### At the Library

**Children’s Programs**

Tuesday, May 14, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, May 15, 10:15 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.

Thursday, May 16, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds with caregiver.

**Adult Programs**

Wednesday, May 15, 2 p.m. Book Discussion. Anita Brookner’s “Undue Influence.”

In the display case for May is children’s art by Greenbelt Nursery School.

### Greenbriar Meetings

The Greenbriar Phase III Board of Directors will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 14 at 6 p.m. The combined meeting of the Phase I & II Boards will meet on Tuesday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. The Greenbriar Community Association (GCA) Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, May 22 at 5:30 p.m. All meetings are held in the Commons Room at the Greenbriar Community Building. Meetings are open and all homeowners are welcome to attend their Board meeting and the GCA Board meeting. For further information, call 301-441-1096.

# Community Events

### Greenbriar-Glen Oaks Senior Luncheon

A luncheon will be held for Greenbriar/Glen Oaks seniors on Tuesday, May 21 at noon in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building. Seniors are welcome to bring a guest. There will be Bingo for prizes again. This is a free event, but please RSVP to Tina at 301-441-1096 by May 17.

### Artist-in-Residence Reception Recipient

On Monday, May 13, the Greenbelt Recreation Department will host a reception for artist Gaines Clore Wynn in the Greenbelt Municipal Building Gallery. The reception will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the first floor gallery, where Wynn’s work is currently on display. The artist is a secondary school art teacher in Prince George’s County and a member of the Maryland State Arts Council, as well as an Artist in Residence at the Greenbelt Community Center. All ages are welcome at the reception. The Municipal Building is located at 25 Crescent Road. For additional information, please contact Nicole DeWald at 301-397-2208.

### Gala for Red Cross To Be in Greenbelt

Mary Lou McDonough and Senator Ulysses Currie, co-chairs of the 6th Annual Gala for the American Red Cross Prince George’s County Chapter to be held at Martin’s Crosswinds, Greenbelt on Friday, June 7 from 7 p.m. to midnight, announced a \$20,000 gift toward the Gala’s goal of \$100,000. The gift is from the Apartment & Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington and will help the gala’s goal of supporting all chapter operations including capacity building to ensure adequate preparedness for any disaster that affects families in Prince George’s County. In addition, proceeds support emergency communications between military personnel that their families in the county and around the world, and the International Social Services Program that relays emergency messages between family members separated by war, conflict and other strife. For information, contact 301-559-8500 Ext. 11 or Ext. 23.

### Klezmer Music Band At Community Center

by Konrad Herling

On Saturday, May 18, at 8 p.m., The Alexandria Kleztet will once again take the stage at the Greenbelt Community Center. The band, which plays an exciting and innovative form of klezmer music, was created in 1998. Performing throughout the mid-Atlantic region’s bookstores, festivals, and coffee shops, Kleztet combines traditional Eastern European Jewish folk music with diverse influences from other genres: jazz, classical, worldbeat, and rock music, creating a sound that is anything but traditional.

Their first CD, Y2Klezmer, released in 1999, was named “Best World Music Recording” of 2000 by the Washington Area Music Association. Kleztet is currently recording its second CD, scheduled to be released in the near future.

The band consists of Seth Kibel on assorted woodwinds, Claire Cardon on violin, Scott Harlan on electric and acoustic basses, and Tim Jarvis on drums and percussion. More information on the band can be found on its website at [www.kleztet.com](http://www.kleztet.com). To make reservations, call the Greenbelt Arts Center at 301-441-8770.

### Springhill Lake Gets Cable TV

Comcast has “gone live” in Springhill Lake, according to a Comcast memo dated April 8. It is expected that the whole development will be connected within 30 days to cable television.

### Explore the Universe

On Saturday, May 11, astronomy buffs will be looking heavenward to witness a rare occurrence, a planetary alignment. The Greenbelt Astronomy Club will mark the occasion with a star gazing party at dusk at the Northway ballfields. Club members plan to be there until at least 11 p.m. with a variety of telescopes and binoculars on hand to share with guests.

Expect to see Jupiter and its moons, Saturn and its rings, star clusters, nebulae, constellations and more. It’s all free. In the event of hopelessly cloudy skies, the event will be canceled.

### Family Fun Day Set for May 18

Greenbelt Elementary School and PTA will hold their annual Family Fun Day, Silent Auction, and Yard Sale on Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Greenbelt Elementary School. There will be fun, games and food for all ages. For information call Diane Siegel at 301-345-7569.

### Home & Garden Club Meets Tues.

Flower lovers as well as growers are invited to the Tuesday, May 14, meeting of the Greenbelt Home and Garden Club at the Community Center.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., guest speaker Susan Page, a Sogetsu School Ikebana teacher, will demonstrate Japanese-style flower arranging as well as free-form styles.

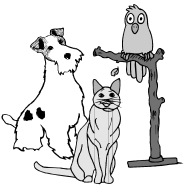
All Garden Club meeting are open to the public.

### Pet Expo Features Dog Acupuncturist

Plan ahead to attend the Greenbelt Pet Expo on Saturday, May 11 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. The Pet Expo will be a fun event for the entire family and an opportunity to obtain information about all kinds of pets. Come and talk to a variety of animal rescue groups (dogs, cats, parrots, reptiles and house rabbits), pet-related service providers and associations, humane trainers, an animal psychic and an acupuncturist. See demonstrations of agility training, canine musical training and flyball. Have pet’s nails cut.

Prince George’s County residents will be able to obtain county pet licenses and Greenbelt residents can obtain dog park permits during the Expo.

Well-behaved dogs on leashes are welcome. For more information, or to volunteer to help with this event, contact Susie Hall at 301-474-6124.



### GAC Sponsors Powerful Drama

by Konrad Herling

On Saturday afternoon, at 2 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center auditorium, the Arts Center will sponsor “Secrets,” a play presented by Kaiser Permanente and its dramatic play troupe. The play is a dramatic presentation containing a strong message for teens and is part of a health education theater program for teenagers. Kaiser Permanente is a large provider of Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) services in the area.

The theme is AIDS, and the play’s mission is to increase awareness of HIV and its transmission and prevention. It focuses on Eddie, an otherwise perfectly healthy teen, who by sharing a needle, becomes infected with HIV. As with all health-related concerns, his problem has a ripple effect on those he is closest to - his girlfriend, his father and his community.

The play is followed by a question and answer session led by the actors who have received extensive, on-going training in communication and on HIV and AIDS. The performers are also available for personal questions from students in order to encourage further discussion of the issue.


For more information, call Sandy Hamlin at 301-982-0048.

### Festival Committee Needs Volunteers

The Labor Day Festival Committee will hold its next meeting on Thursday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center Senior Classroom. The planning for this year’s festival is proceeding well but there are still a few vacancies on the committee. Call Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312 for information or come to the meeting.


### French Immersion School Open House

The French Immersion magnet program for northern Prince George’s County students will host an open house for new and prospective families on Thursday, May 16 and Friday, May 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Rogers Heights Elementary School, 4301 58th Ave., Bladensburg. For information, call 301-927-6947.



Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club

Invites You to its Next Meeting



Friday, May 17, 2002

8 PM at the Greenbriar Community Room


Legislative Wrap Up Session featuring our 23<sup>rd</sup> legislative district State Delegates and State Senator


(Also speaking will be Bowie Mayor Pro-tem Doug Peters, candidate for our County Council Representative.)

The Club will also appreciate it if you would bring any toiletries (toothbrushes, brushes, etc.) or children’s toys which will be donated to the Prince George’s County Family Crisis Center.

We encourage all to bring a dessert or other refreshments to be shared by all at the conclusion of the meeting.

For more information, call (301) 345-3088.





Greenbelt Baseball		
Major League Schedule		
Monday, May 13	6 p.m.	A’s @ Cards
Tuesday, May 14	6 p.m.	Indians @ Cubs
Wednesday, May 15	6 p.m.	Tigers @ O’s
Thursday, May 16	6 p.m.	Giants @ Lions
Friday, May 17	6 p.m.	Cubs @ Cards
Friday, May 17	7 p.m.**	O’s @ A’s
Saturday, May 18	10 a.m.	Giants @ Tigers
Saturday, May 18	1 p.m.	Lions @ Indians
Standings		
(As of Tuesday, May 7)		
American League	National League	
	W - L	W - L
Athletics	5 - 2	Lions 5 - 0
Orioles	3 - 2	Cards 5 - 2
Tigers	2 - 3	Cubs 1 - 4
Giants	2 - 5	Indians 1 - 6
Unless otherwise noted, all games will be played at McDonald Field this week.		
** Game at Braden Field		



# Obituaries

## Dora M. White

The city of Greenbelt flag flew at half staff last week for Dora White, 88, who died at home on April 29, 2002. She was born February 19, 1914, and lived in Greenbelt for 60 years. Funeral Mass was held on May 3 at St. Hugh's, with burial at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Growing up in Old Towne, Maine, Mrs. White and her late husband Richard (Dick) had been sweethearts since grade school. They came to Washington in 1942 when Dick took a job with the Navy Department. Shortly thereafter, when Dick was at work one day, Dora decided to come to Greenbelt "to find out about that new town and get on the waiting list." When she got to the office, she was told there was one home available, a frame unit at 55 Ridge. Without seeing it she said they would take it. To Greenbelt they came.

Their son, Richard, was a youngster when they moved here. He recalls that in Maine he had an 8 p.m. bedtime. In Greenbelt, though, no other children in his court went to bed at that time. One evening when his mother found him out of bed, looking out the window watching other children play kick-the-can, his bedtime was changed.

In addition to being a homemaker, Mrs. White was also a volunteer airplane spotter in the daytime during World War II. Armed with binoculars, she would climb up on the roof over what is now the Variety Store in Roosevelt Center and search the sky for airplanes. She then would report descriptions of all planes and in which directions they were heading.

The Whites later moved to 25 Ridge and in 1967 to 60 Crescent, where they became known as the "welcome wagon" for their court. They usually vacationed in Florida during the winter and visited Maine once a year. Mr. White died in January, 1989.

Mrs. White was eulogized by Father Thomas Crowley as a person who loved people and made everyone feel important. She was always very well dressed, whether staying home or going to church. She never missed a Sunday in church and always sat in the same seat. She loved to talk and laugh, and held court during coffee socials after church. Father Crowley summed up her life by saying she was a "grande dame" who will be greatly missed by many people.

Mrs. White is survived by her son Richard and his wife Betty. Cards may be sent to them at 3026 Outrigger Cove, Long Neck, DE 19966.



## Ruth Evans Dungan

Longtime Greenbelter Ruth Evans Dungan, 89, died of pneumonia at Sibley Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, April 17, 2002.

Born in Plymouth, Pa., she graduated from Syracuse University. She worked in New York and in the children's department of the Osterhout Free Library, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Mrs. Dungan worked as a children's librarian in the Montgomery County school system from 1962 to 1978 when she retired. She earned a master's degree in library science from Rutgers University in 1966.

In Greenbelt Mrs. Dungan was a member of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club. She was also a member of Riverdale Presbyterian Church, Hyattsville and the Gray Panthers of Prince George's County.

Her husband Allen G. Dungan preceded her in death.

She is survived by her daughter Allena Leonard, Toronto; grandchildren Tambra, Ariel and Corwin Leonard; great-grandchildren, Haley and Carson; sister, Dar Evans Heil; and eight nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on Monday, April 22, 2002 at Riverdale Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Riverdale Presbyterian Church, 6513 Queens Chapel Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782 or to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 710 W. 168th St., New York, NY 10032.



## Greenbelt CARES

The week of April 22, the ACE Reading Club hosted its annual reception for local students who participated as "book reviewers" in the club. The students were videotaped and the videos were aired on local cable channel 71. Other students wrote reviews or drew illustrations of the books they had read. This year the reception also honored winners of the ACE Contest who explained why "Reading Is Fun." Four students were selected, two in the poster division and two in the essay division. Mayor Judith Davis distributed book gift certificate awards to: Precious Williams (Greenbelt Elementary), Eseosa Erhabor, Makallay Conteh (both from Springhill Lake Elementary) and Rayshon Patterson (Greenbelt Middle School). See related story and photo on the poster contest winners on page 13.

Genevieve Elazier and Andrea Brown, the CARES Crisis Intervention Counselors, attended a one-day training session in Baltimore for counselors of sexual abuse, which was sponsored by Cross Country University. The training focused on three major stages of healing, a concept which can help clients cope with sexual trauma. Wendy Wexler will be attending the same training in May.

Brown also attended the "Forum on Racism and Ethnicity in the U.S." at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. The forum highlighted ways to heighten awareness about the current state of race relations and the role of racism in the U.S.

During April, 25 families on average per week were seen for counseling services at CARES. The weekly average of individuals was 50; the weekly average of youths was 19. Approximately 86 students received tutoring.

## City Notes

The week of April 29 the horticulture crew removed fallen trees at Buddy Attick Park and on Greendale Place, and weeded and fertilized street landscaping in Greenbelt East.

The parks crew continued work on the Wetlands Center, constructing the stone walls and benches, and took delivery of two loads of Safe-T-Mat for the new playground at Buddy Attick Park.

The facilities maintenance crew cleaned the lower roof drains at the police station and the storm drain leading to the sediment pond behind the building and graded the outlet. They completed installation of the third new light on the outside of the Community Center.

The special operations crew removed the sliding board, blocks and bad concrete on the pool deck.

## Azalea Sale

Find the perfect Mother's Day gift on Sunday, May 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the National Arboretum. Choose from unusual azaleas grown by members of the Brookside Gardens Chapter of the Azalea Society of America. Admission is free.



Our condolences to the friends and family of Ruth Dungan, formerly of 33 Court of Ridge Road.

We extend our sympathy to Richard White and his wife Betty on the death of his mother, Dora White.

Happy Mother's Day to all of Greenbelt's mothers.

Best wishes to Louise Wilding of 51 Ridge, who is recuperating at home after surgery.

## Meals on Wheels Needs Volunteers

Meals on Wheels of College Park needs volunteers to help pack daily meals for seniors and those who cannot cook for themselves. Drivers and runners are also needed Monday through Friday. Packers work from 9 to 11:30 a.m.; drivers and runners from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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# A Flowery Artful Afternoon Displays Multi-Media Works

by Jim Swenson

“It’s just a chance for everyone to come out and show us what they’ve got,” says Nicole DeWald, arts coordinator for the city of Greenbelt, describing the monthly “Artful Afternoon” events she helps organize.

Last Sunday’s art exhibit, “The Flower Show,” contained 26 works by some 20 artists. All the works incorporated the theme of flowers, including 10 photographs, three ceramics, two stained-glass works, an art quilt, five oil paintings and two other kinds of paintings. The show was open to all ages.

Exhibits in the community center like this one rotate every six weeks and those shown in the Municipal Building rotate every eight weeks.

“There’s quite a variety,” DeWald says, adding, “We try to appeal to a variety of interests.”

The artists who exhibit at the shows include both established professionals as well as first-time presenters. DeWald cites Sy Mohr, whose work is touring U.S. embassies throughout the world, as an example of an established professional who has exhibited artwork in Greenbelt.

DeWald believes part of the success of the exhibits lies in the fact that “artists really appreciate the ability to bring the art to the people.”

### Photography

Diane Tuckman and Timothy Edberg were two of the artists exhibiting their photographs to the 20 or so visitors present at the show around 2 p.m. Tuckman had a series of photos showing a flower in various stages of bloom, which she entitled “Lotus 1,2,3.” (She laughed when a visitor noted the connection between the title of her series and Lotus computer language.)

Edberg presented two photographs: one of a bouquet his wife took home from the supermarket; the other a wide-angle shot of a group of tulips shot from the stemline below the actual opening of the flowers so that just the back of the flowers show. Edberg said he often tries to find the odd angle to make his work stand out.

He says he has earned some frequent-flyer miles traveling around the country to places like California, Iowa, Michigan, the Eastern Shore and even the American Southwest, plying his trade. He holds a doctorate in physics, but in 1995 decided to leave his career as a scientist to become a full-time freelance photographer.

“You don’t do photography to get rich,” he said, “You do it ‘cause you love it,” adding that he credits his wife, also a physicist, with supporting his desire to be a photographer while he strives to create a profitable business.

### Dan Kennedy

Another person with a dream is Dan Kennedy, the artist-in-residence who led a landscape paint-

out for adults and children earlier in the afternoon. But at 3 p.m., flanked by two of his landscapes, he was the only one left to brave the heat.

Kennedy started his career doing coloring books but said he finally decided he wanted to draw people. “All artists are romantics and that means that they have a hole in their soul and they can never fill it,” he said. Kennedy believes every artist should have a mentor, and he knew he had met his when he met Eric Sloan, whom he considered a master painter.

True artistry transcends any single form of art and borders on religious experience, according to Kennedy, who pointed to Janis Joplin’s version of the song “Me and Bobby McGee.” When listening to the song he felt transported somewhere, saying, “You’re taken to a place of deep spirituality.” Kennedy said he didn’t need to travel to explore the art world. “I take the immediate world around me and it’s full.” He moved to Greenbelt in 1969 and says he is comfortable with the community and its culture, people and history.

### Ceramics Sale

One regular part of the Artful Afternoons programs is the sale of ceramic items made by members of the Pottery Guild. The city now has a flourishing ceramics program, and Jessica Gitlis was on hand Sunday to talk about it. Gitlis has worked for the city of Greenbelt since March 1996, and became a ceramics specialist last June. Gitlis said the program generally offers seven adult classes and six children’s classes as well as a variety of special programs during its 12- to 13-week sessions. The special programs include open studios, public school workshops, and programs for Girl Scouts and people with disabilities. These programs can last anywhere from one day to the full 12 weeks.

There are six to seven adult teachers and two children’s teachers. In addition to the teachers, there are interns and volunteers who help mix glazing, prepare clay and help clean up.

“We have a group whose sole mission is to support the city’s ceramics program,” she adds, referring to Greenbelt Pottery. Greenbelt Pottery sells ceramics every Sunday at the Community Center from 1 to 4 p.m.

“Minimally, 20 percent of the proceeds go to equipment for the studio,” Gitlis said. The equipment is then donated to the city of Greenbelt, which in turn supports the ceramics programs.

Mark Gitlis, Jessica’s husband, sold pottery during the Artful Afternoon. He said that in addition to firing all the kilns used to bake the clay and hiring the teachers, his wife organizes workshops with world-renowned master potters such as Ian Currie of Australia.

# Greenbelt Seniors Picnic at the Arboretum



Dorothea Leslie and Bernina Giese enjoy a visit among the azaleas. The National Arboretum is noted for its full-color azalea display, particularly striking at this time of the year.

Overlooking the Koi Pond at Arboretum Administration Building are (from left) Lu Noonan, Margaret Kirlin, Helen Gibson, Ellie Oppenheimer, Phyllis Budin, Dorothea Leslie and Therapeutic Recreation Coordinator Karen Haseley.



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Before a picnic lunch, the seniors toured the National Herb Garden and the Bonsai Collection then took a tram ride around the National Arboretum grounds.

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# Biographies of GHI Candidates

The following members of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) have consented to run for election to the Board of Directors, Audit Committee and the Nominations and Elections Committee. The elections will be held at the recess of the GHI Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 15 and continuing on Thursday, May 16 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Community Center. Biographies are written by the candidates.

Board of Directors

(vote for 4)

### Dorothy Lauber 9-M Ridge Road

Forty years ago, Bob and I purchased a two bedroom cinderblock unit at 4-C Crescent Road. In spite of its poor condition - dirty, seven clotheslines strung across the kitchen, holes in most of the walls, and an overgrown yard - we loved fixing up our first home. Later we had two children and moved to a larger unit on Eastway. By that time, we had become dedicated Greenbelters.

How did this happen? Because we realized the people, quality of life and good, affordable housing cannot be matched outside Greenbelt. As a parent, I became very much involved in community activities, beginning with the co-op nursery school and one thing led to another - Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, News Review staff, home room mother and teacher's assistant, Camp Fire Girl teacher, swim team scorekeeper, Roosevelt band parent, etc.

I am a strong supporter of co-operatives, having worked for a large farmers' cooperative (2 years), for a law firm that specialized in establishing and serving housing cooperatives (10 years), and as a GHI member (24 years). I am knowledgeable about Greenbelt, having been secretary to the City Manager and later City Clerk (20 years).

Since I retired in 1995, I've tried to do what Eleanor Roosevelt recommended in 1936: "Don't dry up by inaction but go out and do things . . . Don't believe what somebody tells you, but know things by your own contacts with life. If you do that, you will be of great value to your community and the world." I've been on the Board of Directors for six years now, and am a volunteer of the Audubon Naturalist Society and the Greenbelt Museum. I would like to continue helping make this community - the heart of Greenbelt - the best it can be.

### Gail Alexanderwicz 3-N Research Road

Gail has been a member of GHI for approximately five years. She is a special education teacher and mother of one teenage son. Gail was drawn to GHI because of the sense of community she felt when visiting friends. She enjoys being involved in the community and helping others. Having served on the Audit Committee for two terms, gaining knowledge and experience in the governing process of the cooperative, Gail is seeking a seat on the Board of Directors. If elected, she believes she will be in a position to better serve her fellow cooperators by helping to set sound policies to sustain GHI as a viable community.

### Sylvia Lewis 2-C Gardenway

I have been a member of GHI since 1968, when I moved here with my husband, Robert and two young children. I did not become active with the cooperative until my retirement from the position of executive director, Prince George's County Chapter, American Red Cross. Since then I have been a member of the Membership and Community Relations Committee (1997-present), Audit Committee (1998-2000), Chair Audit Committee (1999-2000), Board of Directors and Treasurer (2000-present), Investment Committee (2000-present).

I was born in London, England, studied at the London School of Economics and Indiana University School of Social Work, obtained U.S. citizenship in 1969. Greenbelt has been a wonderful place to live and raise our children. I enjoy living in our cooperative and think that, over the last few years, I have made constructive contributions. Fiscal responsibility, member involvement and maintaining our homes are my top priorities. I seek reelection to the Board.

Audit Committee

(vote for 3)

### Sheila Alpers 30-D Ridge Road

Sheila Alpers moved to the Washington, D.C. area in 1976. She moved to Greenbelt and into a GHI home in 1986, and has served on the Member and Community Relations Committee, Newsletter Committee, Nominations and Elections Committee and Board of Directors. Alpers currently works as a computer specialist for the federal government and commutes to work in D.C. She was attracted to "Old Greenbelt" the first time she saw it because of the big old trees, Greenbelt Lake walking path, the intimate size of the community and reasonable housing prices. Alpers believes that the more members get involved the better it is for the cooperative and the community.

### Hopi Auerbach 14-X Ridge Road

A biography for this candidate was not available at press time.

*The Nominations and Elections Committee is still trying to find candidates for each empty spot on the ballot for next week's election. The deadline for completing the consent form for the Board and Audit Committee is Friday, May 10 at 5 p.m. Members may be nominated from the floor for the N&E Committee election during the annual meeting.*

Nominations & Election Committee

(vote for 5)

### Konrad Herling 11B Ridge Road

Konrad Herling, 49, a member of the Nominations and Elections Committee, is running to serve again for that committee. He has been a resident at 11-B Ridge Road, has been a member since 1998. However, Herling grew up only one court away in 13 Court Ridge providing him great familiarity with the benefits of living in a GHI home and in the city of Greenbelt.

Herling has actively served his fellow residents. He helped found the Greenbelt Arts Center that year and currently serves as its director of music programming. Additionally, he is vice chairman of the Community Relations Advisory Board, Treasurer of Greenbelt Access Television, Secretary of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, a founding member of the New Deal Cafe, and Membership Chair of the Greenbelt Lions Club. He also has been an active member of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, Citizens for Greenbelt, the city's Millennium Task Force, the Greenbelt New Year Committee and the Springhill Lake Civic Association and has written numerous articles over the last three decades for the Greenbelt News Review. He was selected as the city's "outstanding citizen" for 2001.

### Andy Carruthers 2-M Gardenway

I am happy to serve a third year on the N&E Committee.

### Deborah Cooley 1-F Plateau Place

- Lived in GHI 9 1/2 years
- Raised in Greenbelt, brother and sister-in-law purchased a GHI home 1 year ago
- 2 years on Audit Committee, currently on N&E Committee, Finance Committee and Pet Subcommittee
- MDA in Accounting from Southeastern University
- Accountant for U.S. Senate Disbursing Office

### Roger Brown 9-B Research Road

Roger Brown is married, has lived in Greenbelt for many years. He is retired from the Prince George's County Memorial Library System. He would like to get involved with GHI decision making and enjoys living here.

## GHI continued from page 1

The three audit committee positions are filled on an annual basis. At press time both Sheila Alpers and Hopi Auerbach had filed to run for a position.

There are five positions on the nominations committee and four members have indicated their willingness to serve - incumbents Andy Carruthers, Deborah Cooley, Konrad Herling and newcomer Roger Brown. For this committee, nominations are accepted from the floor at the meeting and the election is held during the meeting.

A limited time remains to submit an application to run for the GHI board, audit committee or nomination and elections committee. All candidate petitions and consent-to-serve forms must be submitted to the GHI offices by 5 p.m. Friday, May 10.

**Agenda**

There are no bylaw changes or outstanding issues to be discussed at this year's annual meeting. Major topics include questions from the membership regarding the annual report, the GHI guest house, the new artifacts storage facility, the City ZipCar, and a revised policy on delinquent monthly payments.

Door prizes again will be given out and include gift certificates from local businesses.

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# Greenbelters Buy a Variety of Plants At Home and Garden Club Sale

by Jim Swenson

“It’s got black spot already,” Bill Phelan said to a customer who was wondering if the plant he’d chosen to buy had the plant ailment. At other times Phelan, who was promoted to assistant director of public works after serving as Greenbelt horticulturist for 15 years, told customers he just couldn’t say whether their plant would blossom yellow or pink. This is the nature of the Annual Plant and Attic Sale, Phelan said, explaining that the sale often involved surplus plants no longer identified being sold “at well below nursery prices.”

Whether the problem was blight or a lack of identity, this did not impede Greenbelt residents from walking away with the vast majority of plants by early afternoon.

### Funds for Club

The fifth annual sale, hosted by the Greenbelt Home and Garden Club, represents a significant source of funds for the club. The city takes 60 percent of the funds from the sales and donates 40 percent to the club which helps to sponsor speakers and also provides a \$500 donation to the restoration of the Greenbelt Museum garden.

Phelan, who said he first became interested in horticulture during frequent childhood visits to his grandparents’ farm, has been collaborating with museum curator Katie Scott-Childress and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. to come up with a list of original plants that once grew in the area. The only problem, Phelan said, was that Greenbelt used to be a sunny area but has now turned mostly shady “as the trees have matured” over the past 65 years. As a result, Phelan had to choose from the list only those plants that could survive in the now shady environment. “It’s an example garden,” Phelan explained, saying he hoped other residents would imitate the new museum garden.

Julia Eichhorst, who said she was one of the founding members of the Home and Garden Club established in 1996, said the purpose of the club was to “help the environment look good.” She said the fact that Greenbelt was a planned garden community called for a strong club to help “embellish the community.”

Eichhorst said that when the club first started, members planted a garden in the inner courtyard of the new Greenbelt Elementary School where they held their meetings. They planted perennials, an herb garden and shrubs. They also encouraged schoolchildren to plant daffodil bulbs. The bulbs would then be marked with each student’s name on a popsicle stick, and that student would be responsible for watering and taking care of the plant. Anne Dunne, who moved to Greenbelt a year and a half ago after taking a course at the Community Center, said the plant sale represents just the kind of community involvement that drew her to Greenbelt. “I could be attending something here all day, every day,” she said. Just a few yards away, Diane Kremer, Mary Vondrak, Barbara Tanen, Cindy Cutright and Joanne Volk, all club members, watched the wares they were selling at the attic sale. “We just clean out our closets once a year,” Kremer said.

Kremer said the group had about 20 members and that, though the group was composed mostly of women, they don’t discriminate against men.

Sitting in the shade during a time when business was slow, the women couldn’t help but have a little fun as they pondered their role as leaders in a communal setting. Cutright described herself and her comrades as “a leadership group.”

Kremer responded, “In the true cooperative, everyone is equal.” Tanen waxed philosophical, “I think we all love each other, don’t we?” When no one came up with a direct answer to the question, they returned to the theme of workers. “We’re the workers,” Joanne Volk said. “Workers unite,” Kremer joked, raising her arm in emphasis.

## Rookie Driver Plan Gets Positive Results

The new Rookie Driver Graduated Licensing System appears to be making a substantial impact in the crash rate for 16-year-old drivers in the state, according to a study to be released this week.

Maryland is one of 31 states to have implemented a graduated licensing system for new drivers. The program calls for increased hours behind the wheel and driv-



ing records clear of convictions for traffic violations before new applicants can obtain a Maryland driver’s license.

Robert L. Raleigh, M.D., who serves as head of the Motor Vehicle Administration’s Medical Advisory Board, conducted this study of the Rookie Driver program.

For more information, contact the Motor Vehicle Administration or visit a local MVA office.



# City Information

### CITY COUNCIL

Reception for ACE Student Awards - 7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting - May 13, 2002 - 8:00 p.m.

Municipal Building Council Room

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Presentations

- Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) Student Awards
- Greenbelt Elementary School Plant Community Award
- Legislative Wrap-up - 23rd District Delegation
- Public Works Week - Proclamation
- Police Week and Police Memorial Day - Proclamation
- Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

#### \*Committee Reports (Items on the Consent Agenda—marked by

- \* will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
- Arts Advisory Board, Report #02-002 (Council Referral on Poet Laureate)
- Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Report #02-2 (FY 03 Recreation Budget)

### LEGISLATION

An Ordinance to Award the Issue of \$8,015,000 City of Greenbelt Public Improvement and Refunding Bonds of 2002, Authorized by Ordinance No. 1205 Passed on September 24, 2001 and Ordinance No. 1211 Passed on April 8, 2002; Prescribing the Form, Maturity, Interest Rate and Provisions for Payment and Redemption of Said Bonds; Confirming the Covenants of the City to Provide for the Levy and Collection of Taxes Sufficient for the Prompt Payment of the Maturing Principal of and Interest on Said Bonds; Further Providing for the Use of the Proceeds of the Bonds; and Providing for the Execution and Delivery, and All Other Details with Respect to the Sale and Delivery of Said Bonds (1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Suspension of the Rules, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Adoption)

A Resolution to Repeal Resolution 930 and Establish Admission Fees and Pass Fees for the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, Effective May 25, 2002 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Suspension of the Rules, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Adoption)

An Ordinance to Establish a New Fund to Be Known as the 2001 Bond Fund, to Provide for the Receipt by the Fund of the Proceeds of the Sale of Bonds Authorized by Ordinance Number 1205 And Such Other Revenues or Fund Transfers as May Be Authorized From Time to Time (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

### OTHER BUSINESS

- ▲ Expansion of Public Works Facility - Design Contract
- ▲ Memorandum of Understanding - Purchase of Greenbelt Theater Building
- ▲ Award of Purchase - Police Department Carpet
- ▲ Cooperation Agreement with Prince George’s County for CDBG and HOME Programs
- ▲ \*Selection of Audit Services for FY 2002
- ▲ \*Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) Board of Trustees Ballot
- ▲ \*Request for Use of Facilities
- ▲ \*Reappointments to Advisory Groups
- ▲ \*Resignation from Advisory Group

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## GREENBELT PET EXPO

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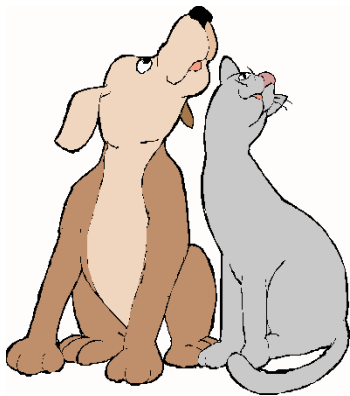
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# POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Carjacking

Beltway Plaza, April 26, 2:33 p.m., a woman walking to her car in the mall parking lot was approached by a man who demanded her car keys, saying he would hurt her. He had his hand in his pocket to indicate he had a weapon. He got into her 2000 Ford Escort four-door and drove away. He is described as a black male in his 40s, 5'10", 180 lbs.

The car was recovered April 29 by Metropolitan Police in northeast Washington.

### Assault

T.G.I. Friday restaurant, April 26, 11:45 p.m., a resident of Westchester Park Drive, 30, was arrested and charged with assault, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Officers responded to a report of an altercation inside T.G.I. Friday, where the suspect allegedly struck an employee with a drinking glass. He was told to leave, but he refused and became disorderly. He resisted attempts by officers to arrest him and place him in handcuffs and in the struggle assaulted an employee. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

### Theft

Mobil Station, April 29, 7:37 p.m., a man pumped gas into his vehicle and left without paying. He is described as a black male, 18 to 20, with a medium build. The vehicle is described as a light blue Toyota Camry.

Beltway Plaza, April 26, 4:38 p.m., an unattended cellular telephone was taken from the Gourmet Popcorn kiosk.

### Trespassing

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, April 25, 4:24 p.m., two Greenbelt residents, 18 and 21, and one Riverdale resident, 18, were arrested and charged with trespassing after being told on two occasions to leave the school. An open warrant was found to exist on one of the Greenbelt suspects, who was taken to the Department of Corrections for service of the warrant. The others were released on citation pending trial.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, April 29, 2:44 p.m., a 16-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested after he gave a false name when stopped in the hallway, where he was walking with a non-student. He was released to school administrators pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, May 1, 8:48 p.m., a 17-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested for trespassing after he returned to a student activity from which he had been asked to leave. Not enrolled at the high school, he was released on citation pending action by the juvenile justice system.

### Deadly Weapon

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, May 2, 12:19 p.m., a 14-year-old Greenbelt resident was

arrested after he was observed with a knife at the school. He was released to school administrators pending action by the juvenile justice system.

### Burglary

6300 block Ivy Lane, April 26, 10:21 a.m., money was taken from a safe in an office suite.

6100 block Breezewood Court, April 27, 1:30 p.m., someone entered a residence by unknown means and took jewelry, watches and a video camera.

Marriott Hotel, Ivy Lane, April 27, 8:22 p.m., three hotel rooms were broken into and four laptop computers taken. Someone attempted to force open the doors to ten other rooms in the hotel.

Marriott Hotel, Ivy Lane, April 30, 11:25 p.m., a laptop computer was taken from a hotel room.

2 Court Gardenway, April 26, 11:27 a.m., entry to a residence was gained through an unlocked back door. Money and food were taken.

Marriott Courtyard, April 30, 7:50 p.m., a laptop computer was taken from a hotel room.

### Vandalism

5800 block Cherrywood Lane, April 27, 1 a.m., someone broke out the bedroom window of a residence.

Holiday Inn, April 27, 3:23 p.m., someone tampered with several soda machines.

### Drug Arrests

Roosevelt Center, April 30, 3:57 p.m., a woman resident, 26, and two male residents, 18 and 19, were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and possession of paraphernalia. The woman was seen allegedly selling marijuana. All three were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

6000 block Springhill Drive, April 28 at 10:15 and April 29 at 8:32 p.m., in two separate incidents, four persons were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. Arrested were a resident of New Carrollton, 22, a resident of Hyattsville, 20, a resident of Bowie, 21, and another resident of New Carrollton, 19. Area of Cherrywood Lane and Greenbelt Road, April 27, 12:32 a.m., after a traffic stop, a 23-year-old resident of Beltsville was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. He was released on citation pending trial.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, April 26, 1:09 p.m., a 25-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested for possession of paraphernalia at the school. He was released to school administrators pending action by the juvenile justice system.

### Vehicle Crime

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a gold 1987 Volvo 740 four-door, Md. tags 740GLE, April 26 from Beltway Plaza; a maroon 1998 Ford Expedition, Md. tags A040832, April 26 from the 9100 block of

Springhill Court; a black 1997 Nissan Altima four-door, Md. tags HND797, April 28 from the 9300 block of Edmonston Road; a maroon 1990 Buick LeSabre four-door, Md. tags FYP459.

Two previously stolen vehicles were recovered, involving one arrest.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6100 block Breezewood Drive; Beltway Plaza (four incidents) ; 6100 block Breezewood Drive; 500 block Crescent Road; 6200 block Springhill Court; 100 block Westway; 6400 block Golden Triangle Drive; 6400 block Capitol Drive; 7900 block Mandan Road; 7600 block Hanover Parkway; 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive; 9300 block Edmonston Road; 51 Court Ridge Road.

Concerning an auto stolen April 20 from the 7500 block of Mandan Road, a petition was filed with theft, malicious destruction and possession of burglary tools charges on a 16-year-old Washington, D.C. resident. A petition was also filed with similar charges against another 16-year-old D.C. youth.

In the 6100 block of Breezewood Drive, a 19-year-old resident of northwest D.C. was arrested and charged with vandalism and disorderly intoxication. Officers responded to a report of someone having broken out the window of a vehicle and climbed inside. The suspect was located passed out inside the vehicle. He was released on citation pending trial.

## Multiple Stabbing

by MPO George Mathews  
Greenbelt police officers responded to a report Tuesday, May 7 of a multiple stabbing that occurred in the 6100 block of Breezewood Court at about 9:20 p.m. Preliminary investigation revealed that the two suspects were engaged in a verbal argument with the victims. One of the suspects produced a knife and stabbed the two young men, ages 14 and 16. A seven-year-old boy who attempted to break up the fight was also stabbed. The suspects then fled the scene.

The 14-year-old and 16-year-old each suffered wounds to their lower back and were transported to Doctors Community Hospital for treatment. The seven-year-old suffered a cut to his arm and was transported to Children's Hospital for treatment. None of the injuries appeared to be life threatening.

The suspect who was armed with the knife is described as a black male with curly hair, wearing a black shirt and blue jeans. No description for the second suspect was immediately available.



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# Friends Explore Assistance in Living Options

by Virginia Beauchamp

The sizable crowd — about 30 people who turned out for the inaugural meeting of the Friends of the Resource Advocate (FORA) — demonstrated the significance in Greenbelt of the needs the group was organizing to address. As the city’s population ages, more and more residents are seeking supports enabling them to remain in their homes. Such supports are termed “assistance in living.”

This designation must be distinguished from “assisted living,” which requires moving to a special facility designed for senior citizens and persons with physical handicaps. For many old-timers in Greenbelt, however, this option is not popular. Apparently Greenbelters want to stay in Greenbelt.

Recognizing this need, the Greenbelt City Council, together with Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) was able to secure a grant from NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community) Supportive Resource Center to fund the hiring of a Community Resource Advocate, Ann MacKenzie, who works out of the Municipal Building. Then, in true Greenbelt style, a volunteer organization has begun to form to work with and publicize MacKenzie’s work. This is FORA, which held its first meeting on the evening of Friday, May 3.

Planning the meeting was a committee of three, who have worked together for months to provide volunteer back-up for MacKenzie — or as the proposed name suggests, to be Friends of the Resource Advocate. The planning committee consisted of Leonie Penney, Helen Geller, and Audrey Barnett, who are members of the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC). Serving as city liaison was Assistant

to the City Manager David Moran.

### Initial Meeting

MacKenzie herself started off the May 3 program, after a short introduction by Penney, by describing the kinds of interventions and supports she is geared up to offer. So far some 84 clients have been assisted, she reported. Not everyone, of course, can remain at home, she noted. After hospital episodes and following rehabilitation, many can return home and be helped with local healthcare supports. Sometimes transportation is required. MacKenzie has been developing a resource database to provide information for those with needs.

MacKenzie was followed by Jackie Shabe-Rochefort, who chairs SCAC. She has agreed to serve as volunteer coordinator for FORA. In particular, Shabe-Rochefort sought volunteers to work on expanding the database, to serve as a public relations officer, to speak to local groups, and to prepare grant proposals.

### GIVES

One organization already in existence for several years can coordinate perfectly with FORA and MacKenzie’s mandate, as Mayor Judith Davis suggested. This is GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service), whose members provide various kinds of services for one another in a sort of service bank. Davis is vice-president of the organization.

Kate Connolly, who serves as office manager for GIVES, which is located in the Community Center, described the kinds of services members supply, such as minor home repairs, transportation, light housekeeping, grocery shopping, telephone contacts, assistance with correspondence, and occasional yard maintenance.

Geller described an initial

contact with the University of Maryland’s Center on Aging to discuss the possibility of designing internships for its graduate students to work with MacKenzie and FORA. High school students, who must contribute hours of community service in order to graduate, might also be utilized in some way, Geller suggested.

Leo Walder, who originated Greenbelt CARES many years ago, noted how University graduate students had worked with that organization, learning in practical situations under the mentorship of CARES professionals. Other similar ways of locating outside support from caregivers were suggested by persons present at the meeting.

In concluding the meeting, Shabe-Rochefort and Penney noted that arrangements have been made with the manager of the Co-op grocery store to set up a table there on the last Wednesday of each month to display information about FORA. Already prepared for distribution is a brochure describing the services of MacKenzie’s office, a directory of local service providers and a list of websites for national providers.

# Warnings on Eating Fresh Caught Fish

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has issued new health advisories to limit consumption of certain fish caught in the tidal Potomac River and other rivers in the state.

The advisories are meant as a guide to minimize human exposure to contaminants found in fish. Advisories for lakes and impoundments statewide are as follows: small- and largemouth bass, pickerel, northern pike, walleye, four meals per month for men and women, two meals per month for children due to methyl mercury; bluegill, eight meals per month due to methyl mercury.

The contaminants of concern will not affect people who occasionally eat fish, and the advisories are geared toward those who regularly consume the targeted species. The advisories are aimed at reducing the risk of cancer in those who regularly eat fish during a significant portion of their lifetimes.

Larger fish can generally have higher concentrations of contaminants because their age has allowed them to concentrate more toxins from food. Bottom-dwelling fish tend to concentrate con-

taminants from the sediments and the food sources that live there. Mercury binds directly to muscle tissue, and cannot be reduced through cooking or preparation methods.

Mercury tends to accumulate in top predators, those fish which consume smaller fish and thereby concentrate toxins. Although the state did not sample pickerel, northern pike and walleye, MDE decided to include them in advisories because they are top predators like bass.

The advisories do not affect fish purchased in stores, which can come from many sources and are regulated by the Food and Drug Administration.

# Keep Feet Healthy With Dr. Mark Sugar

“How to Keep Your Feet Happy” is the subject of a free Diabetic Support Group presentation by Dr. Mark Sugar set for 7 p.m., May 21, at Doctors Hospital, 8118 Goodluck Road, Lanham.

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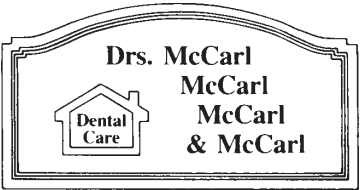
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# Greenbelters Win District Peace Poster Contest

by P.J. Siegel, Chairman, Greenbelt Lions Peace Poster Contest

Greenbelters Elise Flynn, of Lynbrook Court, a 6th-grader at Glenarden Woods, and Shaine Siegel, of Ridge Road, a 6th-grader at Thomas Pullen Arts Magnet School, finished first and fourth, respectively, at the District level in the 14th annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest, after finishing in first place at their local schools. Other Greenbelters placing first in their local schools were Maia McWilliams at Kenmoor Middle and Sherri Newman at Eisenhower Middle.

This year's theme was "Lighting the Path to World Peace." Students age 11-13 were eligible to participate and had to draw, paint or sketch their interpretation of the contest's theme; no words were allowed. The Greenbelt Lions club sponsored the contest at four local Greenbelt schools as well as several of the magnet schools where Greenbelt children attend. Four schools submitted posters: Glenarden Woods,

Eisenhower Middle School, Kenmoor Middle School and Thomas Pullen Arts Magnet School.

Each school/group who submitted posters had their posters judged to determine a first, second, and third place winner for their school. An award ceremony was held with prize money and certificates for all the winners. Next, the first-place winning poster from each school was forwarded on to compete at the Lions District 22-C level. All the local first place winners' entries were judged again and a new first place winner and runners-up were selected. The first-place winning poster from this group was forwarded on to compete at the Multiple District 22 level. From there, one poster is forwarded on to compete at the international competition level. Flynn's entry was not only judged best at her school, but also selected as the winner at the District 22-C level, beating out 25 other first-place

winners. For winning at that level, Flynn was presented with another certificate, a gift bag and a \$50 savings bond. Flynn's poster was then forwarded on to multiple district level competition, and competed against four other entries from the other districts in Multiple District 22, but her poster was not the one selected to represent the multiple district at the international level of competition. Siegel's entry was also judged best at her school and finished fourth at the District level.

Each year over 300,000 children worldwide compete in the Lions International Peace Poster competition. The level of artistic ability and their insights into what peace really means to these young children is a humbling sight to behold, particularly since some of these children have never known peace in their lifetime. The winners' art work is available for viewing at the international level from this and past years' contests on the Internet at [www.lionsclubs.org/English/YPPGrand.html](http://www.lionsclubs.org/English/YPPGrand.html).

The contest is open to anyone, whether involved with a youth group, home school group or is a Greenbelt student attending a public or private school. It only requires that a local Lions club be the sponsor. For more information on how to become sponsored by the Greenbelt Lions Club to participate in this annual contest, send an email to the Greenbelt Lions at [GreenbeltLions@hotmail.com](mailto:GreenbeltLions@hotmail.com) with contact information. The theme for the 15th annual contest is Dream of Peace and completed posters are due by mid-October 2002.

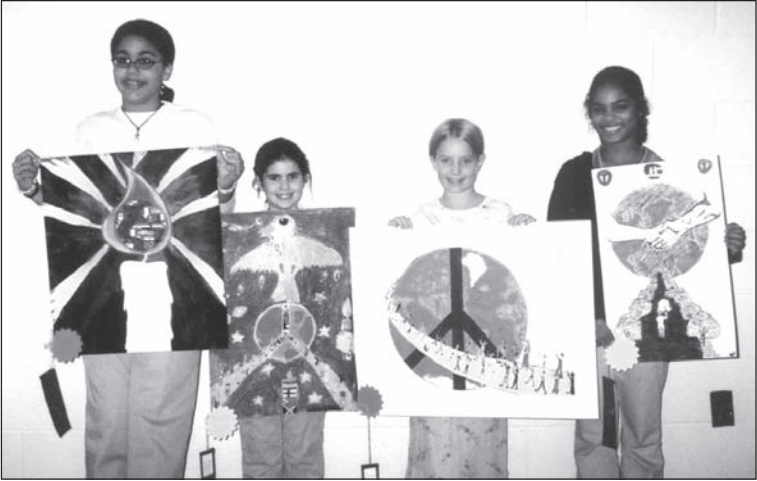


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First place local Peace Poster Contest winners, left to right: Maia McWilliams (Kenmoor Middle), Shaine Siegel (Thomas Pullen), Elise Flynn (Glenarden Woods), and Sherri Newman (Eisenhower Middle).

## New Database Helps With Nutrition Needs

A new data resource available through the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) provides informed food choices for nutrient-conscious consumers and dietary professionals.

ARS Nutrient Data Laboratory (NDL) recently launched an online directory where users can look up the amount of a specified nutrient within any one of 1,147 food items. To aid consumers, data in the new online directory are served up by commonly consumed portion sizes.

To access the database, go to <http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/foodcomp>. Click on "Reports by Single Nutrients" – the link is on the left about 10 lines from the top. The resulting page has a table listing nutrients such as protein, calcium, fiber, carbohydrate, cholesterol or fats. By clicking on the button by each nutrient's name, a web visitor can sort the 1,147 food items in the directory according to the content of that nutrient.

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Funding for the series comes from the Till Bergemann Memorial Fund of the Prince George's Hospital Foundation. The memorial fund was established in Dr. Bergemann's name. He died June 4, 2000. Dr. Bergemann was a family physician who practiced in Greenbelt for 44 years.

The lecture will be held in the hospital's auditorium from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Reservations may be made for the lecture and a box lunch by calling Prince George's Hospital at 301-618-2636.

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# Jaeger Tract Appraisal Leads to Sale Discussion

by Elaine Skolnik

When the National Park Service (NPS) finally approved the appraisal for the 17.4 acre privately-owned Jaeger tract that abuts Greenbelt Park, the decision signaled the start of talks between the NPS Land Office and the tract's owners, Community Management Company L.L.C. The parties are now discussing the appraisal, which established the price of the land. Although the tract's owners have made no commitment to sell the land, they appear to be willing to wait and listen before making any decision. However, it is unknown whether the owners will appeal the appraisal, which would make the negotiation process lengthy. According to Glenn Eugster, Assistant Regional Director from the Partnerships Office of National Capital Parks-East, the appraisal amount cannot be released to the public while talks continue.

An update on the talks is expected to be given by NPS via teleconference this week to key players, including the City of Greenbelt. John Hale, Superintendent of the National Capital Parks-East, the NPS unit that manages Greenbelt Park, noted at the recent April 10 meeting of the Westchester Park Civic Association that "... the effort to save the property needs to show progress by August or September or the funds (\$1 million approved by Congress for Fiscal Year 2002 for acquisition of the Jaeger tract) might be re-programmed for other purposes."

The current negotiation phase comes after the long-standing effort by the City of Greenbelt, joined later by the Westchester Park Civic Association, to incorporate the 17.4 acre parcel into Greenbelt Park as originally intended many decades ago.

Surrounded on three sides by the park, which is located within the corporate limits of Greenbelt, the Jaeger tract lies south of Westchester Park Drive and about 300 feet east of Kenilworth Avenue in the unincorporated Westchester Park community. Late last year, the Prince George's County Planning Board had approved with conditions the preliminary plan of subdivision for the 17.4 acre property and a detailed site plan has since been submitted. Nineteen single family homes are proposed for the tract, which is zoned rural residential (two detached single family units on an acre).

Current talks between the property owners' representative, Amir Ahmad, and the NPS Lands Office were made possible by the year-and-a-half long collaborative efforts of the Greenbelt City Council, NPS, the Westchester Park Civic Association, the National Park Trust, Congressman Steny Hoyer, and U. S. Senators Paul Sarbanes and Barbara Mikulski. Coming aboard also were State Senators Paul Pinsky and Leo Green and State Delegate Tawanna Gaines. Pinsky and Gaines represent the 22nd legislative district in which the Westchester Park community is located; Green represents the 23rd legislative district, which includes Greenbelt.

Optimism that development of the Jaeger tract could be stopped

and the land incorporated into the federal park was sparked at the Greenbelt City Council's November 27, 2000, meeting when Superintendent Hale declared NPS's interest in acquiring the property, which he described as a top priority. Envisioned at the time was a private-public partnership, which was later realized, and entering into a Friends' agreement. However, when Hale told the city council on August 13, 2001, that the clock was running out and that an acknowledgment of support for acquiring the land was important, council agreed to commit \$100,000 toward the purchase of the Jaeger tract. Five conditions were attached: the funds would be contingent on an appraisal being done by NPS, a call for funds from other entities would go out and there would be a reverter clause attached to the agreement.

Currently, about \$9,000 in individual contributions have been collected, the majority from the Westchester Park community. These funds and future donations will be held by the National Park Trust, a private non-profit group dedicated to helping NPS fund-raise for preservation of parkland. The money collected, including the \$100,000 Greenbelt contribution, will be used as matching funds required by passage of the Department of the Interior's appropriation bill, which included Congressman Steny Hoyer's \$1 million bill for acquisition of the Jaeger tract. Support for the appropriation in the Senate was led by Senators Barbara Mikulski and Paul Sarbanes.

### Other Support

Earlier, at an April 12 meeting including members of the Westchester Park Civic Association and leaders of the National Park Trust and the NPS, State Delegate Tawanna Gaines reported that although the State bond proposed to help purchase the Jaeger tract had failed to pass this year in the Maryland Assembly, she was pursuing other sources of funding. She said she was attempting to secure Maryland Program Open Space funds, looking into Maryland's Greenprint Program, and talking to the Department of Housing about their possible contribution to this effort. A 30-year resident of the area, Gaines stressed the importance of saving the Jaeger property.

At the same meeting Eugster described another public-private partnership that had really worked, resulting in the acquisition of Douglass Point in southern Maryland. This project had used federal funds and a match from Maryland's Land and Water Conservation Funds. Noting that 27 acres of open space is lost to development each day in the metropolitan Washington region, he urged the group to work with local elected officials to save the Jaeger property.

Ray Sherbill, a Maryland attorney representing the National Park Trust, said that his organization is dedicated to helping NPS complete its parks acquisitions. He described the Jaeger property as the "missing piece" of Greenbelt Park.

# ACE Reception Honors Readers of All Ages

by Mary Moien

The Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) held a reception on April 23 for students participating in this year's reading program. Four students were honored for winning essays or posters on the topic "reading is fun." The walls of the Community Center multipurpose room were covered with scores of book reports submitted by students from kindergarten through eighth grade. In addition, videos of students reading their essays were also shown. Carol Mealey coordinated the project and Mayor Judith Davis was on hand to present awards and gift certi-

icates from Bookland in Beltway Plaza.

Precious Williams from Greenbelt Elementary School won an award for best essay in the kindergarten through 4th grade group. Makallay Conteh from Springhill Lake Elementary School won for best essay in the 5th through 8th grade classification. For best poster, Eseosa Erhabor won in the kindergarten through 4th grade group and Rayshon Patterson, an eighth grader at Greenbelt Middle School, won in the 5th through 8th grade classification.



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ACE Reading Club poster/essay contest winners were honored at a reception on April 23. Pictured from left are Councilmember Thomas White; Carol Mealey, coordinator; Precious Williams, Greenbelt Elementary; Makallay Conteh and Eseosa Erhabor, Springhill Lake Elementary; Rayshon Patterson, Greenbelt Middle School; and Mayor Judith Davis.

# Boy Choir to Give Joint Concert May 14

The Maryland Boy Choir will present its 19th Annual Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be held at the Memorial Chapel on the campus of the University of Maryland in College Park and will feature performances by the Maryland Boy Choir and the Resident Training Choir of the American Boychoir School, on tour from Princeton, New Jersey. Tickets can be reserved by contacting the Maryland Boy Choir by phone at 301-589-1665 or by e-mail at tix@mdboychoir.org.

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took her family to Washington in 1963 for the civil rights demonstration where they heard Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. give his famous “I Have a Dream” speech.

Barbara also recalled that her dad once ran for Congress. He was a write-in candidate, so she and other poll workers passed out stickers that could be attached to the ballot. She noted that after the election the voting machines were plastered with unused stickers.

East Family

Also present were Greenbelt Pioneer Dorothy East and her two daughters, Kathy and Marian. Kathy was the first child born at the Greenbelt Hospital, a row of four homes at the corner of Gardenway and Ridge Road that were modified for that use (and since have been restored as residences). In fact, the hospital was not finished at that time, and re-closed after Mrs. East and daughter were able to go home. However, when Dorothy got there, the birthing instruments were on the stove boiling and towels were warming in the oven.

Later the East’s moved to a farmhouse where the Beltway Plaza Shopping Center is now located. The daughters took the bus to Greenbelt until they moved back for one year. Kathy recalled sledding down the hill from 33 Court Ridge. Marian East Rubach remembered the gaping hole for the storm sewer behind the firehouse (now Domino’s Pizza). Their father, Sherrod, commuted to Washington and called the drive there a tonic. Kathy wondered if he would think so today.

Rosenzweig

Richard Rosenzweig came to Greenbelt in 1938 as a three-year-old with his parents, Outstanding Citizen Benjamin and Ethel. He recalled what a great place Greenbelt was to grow up in with swimming, baseball and Greenbelt Lake. The lake was his favorite place in the summer. He recalled that he could get in to the movie theater free if he brought cans or other scrap metal for the war effort. “You could spend the whole day there,” he recalled, referring to a time when there were double features, matinee films, cartoons and newsreels and you could arrive in the middle of a movie and stay through the next showing.

Back then, Rosenzweig recalled, there was home delivery for bread and milk. In the winter, the milk would freeze outside if not taken in right away. At that time, milk was not homogenized and the cream would rise to the top. When the milk froze, Rosenzweig got to lick the cream off the top — ice cream.

One bad thing about growing up in Greenbelt, he recalled was that everybody knew everyone. If he did something in the North End, his mother would know about it by the time he got home. He regretted that there was no longer a Lt. Attick to pressure the kids. (Albert S. “Buddy”



At the reception, Bruce Bowman talks with friends. A cake was cut to celebrate his recent 88th birthday.

Attick was one of the city’s first police officers and later long-time Public Works Director. Attick Park is named for him.)

Bruce Bowman recalled his involvement with the Greenbelt Nursery School. “They didn’t have all the nice things they do now,” he said. The school was located in the dark basement with exposed pipes of an apartment building on Parkway. Later the school moved to the Fellowship Center behind the Community Church and the Greenbelt News Review took over the basement space for its offices. Now both organizations are in the Greenbelt Community Center.



Harvey Geller recalls his associations with Bowman at Twin Pines Savings and Loan.

by one vote. When his term was up, he ran for reelection and lost by 17 votes. He blamed the loss on someone telling voters that Bowman was a member of the American Civil Liberties Union, which he was.

Cooperatives

Bowman was actively involved in many of the Greenbelt cooperatives. He was a signer of the mortgage note for Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation (later to become Greenbelt Homes, Inc.) and was present 25 years later at the mortgage burning ceremony. He recalled that when the residents first formed a cooperative to buy most of the housing built by the Federal Government when it sold Greenbelt, the organization could not by law become a cooperative in Maryland. While the corporation later did become a cooperative, it is only recently that Maryland has fully recognized cooperatives as a business entity. Mary Lou Williams-on, editor of the News Review,

noted that that paper was organized as a co-operative in the District of Columbia for that reason. Bowman was elected to the board of Greenbelt Consumer Services (GCS) in 1946. Later he became an employee. Organized with the aid of the Edward Filene Foundation, that co-op, formed by the residents, operated all of the businesses in the town’s commercial center. Lee Shields, who moved to Greenbelt in 1937 at three-months old, credited GCS with giving him spending money as a kid. Thanks to the center being set in a valley, all the mothers had to walk uphill with their groceries. Shields was one of the wagon brigade who carried groceries from the store to a person’s home uphill for a fee. He later worked at the bowling alley, as did Rosenzweig and Peter Bowman, delivered newspapers and sold flower seeds.

Harvey Geller recalled his involvement in Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association as a director. Bowman and James Cassels worked for that cooperative in the ‘60s and ‘70s. It was organized to provide financing for the GHI home purchases at a time when other financial institutions would not finance home loans for GHI residences. Because the state did not recognize cooperatives, Twin Pines always had trouble dealing with state regulators. Eventually, the co-op was forced to sell out to Community Savings and Loan, which later went bankrupt.

Fair Housing

Marge Owens recalled working with Bowman on the Fair Housing Committee. The committee met at a home on Southway and also in a room over the beauty shop. Jim Cassels and Al Herling were also participants. Betty Allen added that “the meetings ended up in our living room.” Allen said she was surprised to find that Greenbelt was “lily white” and the schools segregated when she moved to Greenbelt from southern Illinois in 1960.

Bowman recalled how he had been invited to a meeting in Georgetown where to help organize the Suburban Maryland Fair Housing Association. Marge Donn recalled that her husband, Bert, was active in another group called Access. They would have white members apply for apartment rentals at various apartment projects and after they had determined that apartments were available, a black couple would apply. If the black couple was told there were no vacancies, the group would picket the apartment project.

Konrad Herling, son of Outstanding Citizen Al Herling, noted photographs of his father, Ben Rosenzweig, Charles Schwan and Bowman. He called them “the Mt. Rushmore” of Greenbelt.

Following the recollections a reception was held in the Art Center lobby.



Marge Owens and Richard Rosenzweig enjoy a laugh over one of the humorous recollections about early life in Greenbelt.

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needed to recruit new and young officers. The mayor said she wanted to see a job description for the public safety officer job.

T.G.I. Friday

When councilmember Thomas White brought up the matter of frequent incidents involving the T.G.I. Friday restaurant, Craze responded that the restaurant has become an attraction for “disreputable” people. He noted that the restaurant has hired three off-duty officers for part-time work. He said he and Lt. Thomas Kemp will meet with the managers of the restaurant to express concern and discuss the situation. Councilmember Edward Putens noted that Capitol Cadillac is also complaining about the situation.

Cameras

The discussion turned to red light cameras. The city manager said that although it had been proposed to remove two cameras because they did not generate enough revenue to pay for themselves, there are current negotiations with the vendor to lower the price. The mayor noted, “If we can’t negotiate this, then we have to make up \$45,000 in our budget; this will go on the list of things we may need to fund.”

Corporal Maria Parker made a presentation on operation of the red light cameras. She said other jurisdictions have found a 20 to 30 percent decrease in red light-running after installation of the cameras. She added that it has been found that “people are just stopping at red lights more, not just at intersections with red light cameras.”

She explained that renegotiations with the camera vendor

would be done together with other jurisdictions using the same vendor. The group will be looking at other vendors as well.

Panhandling

The mayor noted an increased amount of panhandling at Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway. Craze said he had doubts about “the legitimacy of some of these groups.” He feels a law to deal with the situation needs to be passed. He said complaints about panhandlers are frequent. He also noted that religious groups are not required to have a Greenbelt permit to solicit.

Putens said he felt there is confusion about what the police can and cannot do about various matters. He cited noise enforcement and animal control as well as panhandling. He said he would like articles in the News Review explaining the role of police.

Health Benefits

Lieutenant Daniel O’Neil presented a summary of a proposal for special additional police officer health benefits. They would be applicable to an officer who retires or is separated from service following injury suffered in the line of duty as a direct result of responding to an emergency situation or a hot pursuit. He distributed a detailed memorandum on the matter to the council.

The Police Department budget proposed by the city manager is \$6,407,100. It represents a 2.7 percent increase over the current year’s estimated expenditures. No increase in personnel is proposed. Currently 53 uniform officers and 15 support personnel are authorized.



CITY OF GREENBELT NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City Council of the City of Greenbelt proposes to increase real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2002, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 1.75%, from \$1,068,278,565 to \$1,086,986,732.
2. If the City of Greenbelt maintains the current tax rate of \$0.628 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 1.75%, resulting in \$117,487 of new real property tax revenues.
3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.617, the constant yield tax rate.
4. The City is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The City proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.628 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 1.78% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$117,487 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax increase will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2002, in the City Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, Maryland 20770.

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call 301-474-8000 for further information.